

Historic Roosevelt Times

Spring 2018

Roosevelt Action Association (RAA) est. 1981

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Outgoing Board Members

Sincerest thanks to outgoing board members Pierre Kaluzny, George Pasquel, Will Rodriguez and Cole Van Norman.

Some of their contributions:

Not only was **Pierre** the 2017 Home Tour Chair, but he managed the website, online membership applications, and provided overall tech support. He also hand-delivered 100 newsletters a month. As Vice President, **George** was involved in all aspects of Association activities; he was instrumental in keeping the board updated on hearing dates & planning schedules, co-chaired the Home Tour and helped with newsletter editorial and distribution. **Will** gave the community lessons in 21st century commercial project development. He served as the go-to for contact identification and home tour set up. **Cole** kept the board apprised of pedestrian and bike compatibility and opened his home for the 2017 Home Tour. Thanks you all for your generous and willing contributions.

Roosevelt Park Patrols

In response to concerns about people in Roosevelt Park when after hours, the Parks Department began conducting over-night patrols on January 10th. Each night, four or five patrols take place between 10PM and 5:30AM. On average, one person per week is found in the park after hours. They are asked to leave. Many weeks there have been no individuals found in the park when it's closed. Patrols will continue through March and will then be done on a periodic basis. Park Rangers have also been conducting regular patrols. The Parks Department has made recent light repairs and is working to make repairs to the art sculpture/tiles. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Downtown Division at [602-262-6412](tel:602-262-6412) with any questions or concerns.

Proposed sustainable R³ (R Cubed)

SWC 3rd Ave & Roosevelt St.

At the February neighborhood meeting, veteran Roosevelt developer Tim Sprague of Habitat Metro shared preliminary revised plans for an innovative mixed-use rental project on the



southwest corner of 3rd Ave & Roosevelt Street. The guiding principle of the design is "Rethink, Renew and Reside."

The project is rich in sustainable and innovative building elements. The structure will be a concrete podium with floors 2nd through 5th assembled onsite from prefabricated wall systems. It will use storm and grey water recycling and be 95% solar powered by a roof-mounted solar field. Amenities include onsite recycling and composting, a natural swimming pool and bike share. Access to onsite parking will be via the alley to eliminate driveways through the pedestrian-scape.

- *Five stories*
- *70 apartments of 500-1250 square feet, 1/2 bedrooms*
- *3,000 square feet of ground floor retail/office*
- *84 parking spaces; 4 reserved electric vehicles & ride share*

Roosevelt will be the first neighborhood to have a project like this & this important intersection is an ideal location. Watch for updates as the project moves through more community input & approval. Concept image above is of the NE corner.

RAA March and April 2018 General Neighborhood Meetings



Tuesday, March 20th

Tuesday, April 17th

at UL2 Building

650 N. 2nd Avenue

Southwest corner of 2nd Ave/McKinley

Social "Quarter" 6:00-6:15, Official start 6:16 PM

On the agenda:

March:

- Streets Department with 3rd and 5th Avenue status
- Roosevelt Park Update
- Trap Neuter Return Program (Stray Cat)

April:

- Historic Preservation Office update
- Development updates
- 2018-2019 RAA goals and roles

2018 Board of Director Election Results

Welcome to 4 new board members !

Bill Scheel

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board? I am happy to serve on the RAA board in order to give back to the community that I love so much.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? My favorite thing about Roosevelt is its walkability and proximity to downtown, culture, entertainment and dining.

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? My greatest short term concern is that we will unnecessarily lose more Historic and vintage resources during the current development boom. My greatest long-term concern is the vast number of vacant lots south of Fillmore Street.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? I have owned my home and lived in the neighborhood for more than 25 years. I have operated my business in the neighborhood for 3 years.

Caroline Van Slyke

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board? I'd like to use my gifts, talents and love of place-making to serve my neighborhood as we continue to build a strong, safe, unique community for flourishing of all people.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? The history and beauty of our community; a close second is its walkability.

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? That we make good, sustainable decisions, that are good in the short and long term, that help make Roosevelt be the thriving & flourishing community to live, work and play for ourselves and our children's children.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? We have owned our home in South Roosevelt for 3 years.

Catrina Kahler

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board? I want to contribute to the best neighborhood in Phoenix, helping foster community dialogues and celebrating its successes.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? Its unique "urban stew" mix of history, beauty, and community along with its residential opportunity and commercial enterprise.

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? Translating Roosevelt's history of pioneering investment and development into contemporary leadership at a time when interest in the area is most acute. It's important to preserve the neighborhood for its residents while maintaining a planning outlook.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? I have owned a commercial property since 2003 and was first a resident in 2004.

Cindy Ek

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board? I'm new to the neighborhood and want to get more involved. I respect my neighbors and am interested in serving in a more consistent manner.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? I love the diversity of the community.

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? In both the long and short term, preservation of the integrity of historic properties and neighborhoods while working with the needs of a growing community.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? I'm new to the community, having purchased a home in 2016.

Doug Churchill *(re-elected for 2nd term)*

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board? I want to serve because certain standards should be kept public interest, safety, integrity of neighborhood, and maybe I can make a change in some way to make this a safer, more desirable area to live and work in.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? Perhaps the most favorite thing about Roosevelt is fact that it was the first major development in Phoenix with its historic homes, architecture and stature in the community.

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? Long term is having these historic homes maintained in their original state. The short-term concern would probably be how the southern portion of this district will effect the entire district.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? I have lived in Roosevelt District for six (6) years and want to remain in the area the rest of my life.

Joan Kelchner *(re-elected for 2nd term)*

Why do you want to serve on the RAA board?

I have always loved the historic centers of cities.

What's your favorite thing about Roosevelt? (See above)

What are your greatest short-term and long-term concerns? My ongoing concerns include preservation of unprotected historic buildings, zoning issues and the continued renovation of Hance Park.

How long have you lived or owned property in Roosevelt? Since 1984.



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Survey results for adjusting Roosevelt Park Hours of Operation

	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	No change/No preference
Open Time (AM)	33%	37%	25%	0%	5%
Close Time (PM)	18%	36%	24%	17%	5%

A survey was sent to 95 current RAA members & residents that had expressed interest or concern over safety and security in and around Roosevelt Park. The park is currently opened from 5:30AM-10:30PM. The goal of the survey was to assess interest in temporarily limiting park hours. Sixty-five (65) responses were received. Nearly all respondents supported reducing the hours. As seen in the table, 70% want the park open by 7AM. Fifty-four percent (54%) want the park to close at 7PM or earlier; 46% later than 7PM. A reasonable recommendation of new hours 7:30AM - 7:30PM will be made to Parks Department.

Highlights of 2017 RAA Accomplishments

- Highest- attended Home Tour in a decade.
- Development Planning & Consultation.
- Block Watch - Purchase and distribution of signs, alley lights and 2018/2019 grant application.
- Celebration of Historic Preservation event to support FAA legal fund.
- Tracking of bike lanes, 3rd and 5th Avenue changes.
- Monitored variances, use permits and zoning changes.
- Printed & distributed 10,000 newsletters.
- Community planning events for vacant city parcels.
- Historic sidewalk replacement and stamp preservation.
- Inaugural Jim Trocki Memorial Chili Cookoff

Individual board members put in countless hours on other neighborhood, historic preservation, downtown, & community advocacy initiatives such as:

- Homelessness and transient issues.
- South Roosevelt vacant land & historic building survey.
- State fairgrounds forward planning.
- Historic property salvage & demolition permit changes.
- Development and zoning code updates.
- Alley abandonment, RFP process, high-rise lighting.
- Hance Park and Hance Park Conservancy planning.
- Dog Park maintenance and improvements.
- Downtown Code, utility substation, high-rise and street lighting, downtown code revisions and updates.
- Attendance at HP, City Council, Village Planning and other Subcommittee hearings.

Latest historic home demolition

The 1921 Molly Neal House (also known as the Way Cool house) at 102 E. Willetta, across from Burton Barr Library was demolished in February.



The owner of the surrounding land and property had supported an effort to move the house, but a cumbersome demolition permitting process and challenge with finding a house mover led to a sad but familiar conclusion under pressure to close escrow and move forward with construction of the new development. The home was demolished 2 days before schedule, surprising community members who were hoping to salvage interior features & take photos, and an animal welfare team that planned to move a cat colony that was living under the house.

Some windows were salvaged, but other items such as doors, built ins, kitchen cabinets, and original tile fireplace weren't. The historic preservation community and the City need to acknowledge cooperative developer partners and create a process when demolition of a property is imminent. South Roosevelt is experiencing the same development pressures as the area by the library. Among buildings that the architects of this home designed are the Orpheum Theater, the US Post Office on Fillmore, Hanny's department store and the Veteran's Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

Downtown Park Events - March/April 2018

Civic Space Park 11AM-1PM

Mar 14, 28th Wednesday WindUp 11AM-1PM
 Mar 29, 30th Yoga in the Park 11AM-1PM
 Mar 30th ASU Movie in the Park 6PM
 April 6th ASU Take Back the Night 6PM
 April 11, 25th Wednesday WindUp 11AM-1PM
 April 20th ASU Movie in the Park 6PM
 April 25th Wednesday WindUp 11AM-1PM

Hance Park-

Mar 17th St Patrick's Day Faire 10AM-5PM
 Mar 20th Fall into Fitness 6-7PM
 Mar 24th Street Food Cinema - movie: Selena 5:30PM
 Mar 24 Haru Japanese Garden 5:30-9:30PM
 Mar 27, Apr 3 Fall into Fitness 6-7PM
 Apr 10, 17, 24 Fall into Fitness 6-7PM
 April 14th March for Science Family STEM 9AM-2PM
 April 15 Children's' Day Japanese Garden 1-5PM
 April 21st Street Food Cinema- movie The Sand Lot 5:30PM
 April 28th AmeriCANNED Beer Festival 12-6PM



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2018 Home Tour

With the 2018 tour just 7 months away, it's time to get planning! No neighborhood team has more fun or feels a greater sense of accomplishment than the Home Tour Team. We're looking for a minimum of six volunteers for the core planning group. Not to worry if it's your first time participating; there's a strong group of veteran planners.

Since the event is planned around the location of the tour homes, identifying participating homes is the first goal. If you'll consider joining this elite team or just want more info, contact Andie at AndieAbkarian@gmail.com- no obligation to participate if you find it isn't for you. In the meantime, consider opening your house on for the tour!

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Monthly Recognition

RAA would like to recognize Stacia Holmes, the Recreation Coordinator at Hance Park as a valued community partner. Although Stacia just started at Hance Park in June of 2017, she's already won the hearts and confidence of the community. Stacia keeps the neighborhood updated on coming events, safety and security, and maintenance issues. We appreciate her positive, always-up-for questions and help-with-anything attitude. You can contact her at Stacia-Holmes@phoenix.gov or at 602-262-4634. Thanks Stacia!

National Favorite

Another new point of pride for Roosevelt: In February, neighborhood favorite CIBO Pizzeria was ranked as the 10th most romantic restaurant in the US based on Yelp analytics! In 2005 the Martingilios brought their dream of a restaurant to life when they converted the run-down house behind Tera's Garden (which is now The Vig) to an intimate restaurant and garden dining area. RAA was a strong supporter and advocate of the restaurant and couldn't be more proud to have this neighbor. CIBO is downtown's right-next-door proof that historic buildings can become legacy projects recognized far and wide. Congratulations Karen and Tony, and thanks for betting on the neighborhood.

2018-2019 RAA Board of Directors

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Community Contact Info

Police Community Action Officers:

North of I-10: Ofc Ben Harris - 602.361.4501

South of I-10: Ofc Jeff Howell - 602.534.6438

Street light outages: include pole number: 602.495.5125

Graffiti Busters: no tag too small! 602.534.4444

CRIME STOP (non emergency Police) 602.262.6151

Phoenix C.A.R.E.S. 602-262-6251

Property Maintenance Violations: 602.262.7844

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